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Fight Back study yields impressive marks

Phoenix residents believe that the Fight Back program, which includes clean-up efforts, graffiti removal, crime reduction and neighborhood empowerment, is a successful, viable strategy to improve neighborhoods.

This is according to a recent, comprehensive study conducted by the Morrison Institute for Public Policy for the city's Neighborhood Services Department.

The study involved more than 100 interviews with residents, city staff and city council members.

The evaluation found that an overwhelming majority of residents (91 percent) are very or somewhat satisfied with the Fight Back program, with almost half

(48 percent) stating that they are very satisfied with the program and its results.

In addition, 76 percent rated the services and activities they received from the program as excellent or good.

The Fight Back program was started in 1989-90 as a pilot program in City Council District 8 as a resident mobilization effort to provide a temporary increase in city services to reduce crime, prevent blight and stabilize neighborhoods.

Since 1992, each city council district has been allocated funds for the program.

For more information, call 602-495-0115.



Ability Counts Job Fair June 16

If you have a disability and are looking for a job or career change, bring your résumé to the Ability Counts Job Fair 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, June 16, at the Burton Barr Central Library Pulliam Auditorium, 1221 N. Central Ave.

You can meet with more than 30 employers and learn about career opportunities in various industries such as hospitality, technology, retail, high-tech, health care, manufacturing, finance, government and customer service.

The free fair is sponsored by the Mayor's Commission on Disability Issues, Phoenix Equal Opportunity Department and the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Rehabilitation Services Administration.

For information, disability accommodations or material in alternate formats, call 602-262-7486 or 602-534-1557/TTY.

Workshop benefits small businesses

The Equal Opportunity Department is offering free monthly workshops to small business owners that will show them how they can become certified as a Small Business Enterprise with the city.

Businesses that qualify increase their ability to take part in business contracting with the city.

More than 400 small businesses already are certified.

To qualify, a business must have been in operation for at least two years, be located in Maricopa County and be owned by a citizen or legal resident of the United States. The owners also must have a personal net worth of less than \$250,000.

For more information call 602-262-6790 or 602-534-1557/TTY. Information also is available at phoenix.gov/MWSBE.

BOPA collection set for June 12 - 14

Phoenix residents can dispose of household hazardous waste and other items at a BOPA collection event 7 a.m. to noon June 12 - 14 at Hermosa Park, 2030 E. Southern Ave.

In addition to batteries, oil, paint and antifreeze, the event will accept five road tires per resident, computers and household appliances, including refrigerators, stoves, evaporative coolers, air conditioners, washers, dryers and water heaters.

Commercial loads will not be accepted.

It will be the last BOPA event until September when the collection will be held at the Ahwatukee Recreation Center, 5001 E. Cheyenne Drive.

The city also will pick up household appliances and computers at your home for a \$10 fee. Call for a collection appointment. For information, call 602-262-7251, send e-mail to pwwserve@phoenix.gov or visit phoenix.gov/GARBAGE.



Mark your calendar for

ALZHEIMER'S WORKSHOP – A free workshop Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Ave., will feature a memory screening and discussions on neurology, depression in the elderly, caregiver issues, treatment options and support group information. Registration begins at 8 a.m. For pre-registration or more information, call 602-274-9500.

WATER WORKSHOPS – The Water Conservation Office will host four special workshops this summer. Planned are: Agaves for Southwestern Gardens, June 14; How to Properly Collect and Use Graywater in Arizona, June 21; Converting Your Landscape to Xeriscape, July 12; and Make Your Home Water Conservation Smart and Drought Resistant, July 26. All of the programs will be at the Desert Botanical Garden, Saturdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The fee is \$10.00. For reservations, call 480-941-1225.

FACES OF DIVERSITY BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES – Two colorful, cultural dance groups will perform from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, June 27, at Phoenix City Council Chambers, 200 W. Jefferson St. Folklorico Lindo-Y-Querido, with more than 50 colorfully costumed dancers from 5 to 20 years old, will perform regional dances from Veracruz, Jalisco and Chappas, and Flamingo dances from Spain. Young Indian dancers from the Arathi School of India will perform traditional Indian dances. This free series is sponsored by the Phoenix Human Relations Commission and the city's Equal Opportunity Department. For more information, call 602-261-8242 or 602-534-1557/TTY.

Council fills District 4 vacancy

Jessica Florez has been appointed by the City Council as interim District 4 council member and will serve until a special election is held Sept. 9.

"I intend to work hard on behalf of the residents of District 4 to ensure their public safety and prosperity," she said.



Jessica Florez

Her goals include transit, light rail, crime prevention and neighborhood preservation.

Florez, who replaces a council member who resigned, has been involved with various city initiatives and volunteers with the Mountain Park Health Center, the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Phoenix Community Alliance.

She is the managing partner of Grupo Ñ Advertising, an advertising and public relations firm that specializes in Hispanic issues. She has a master's degree in public administration from Arizona State University and a bachelor's degree in Spanish from Westminster College in Fulton, Mo.

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